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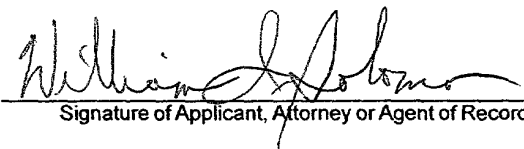
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STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.173(c), the following sets forth the status of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,588 in the above-identified Reissue application. Patent claims 1-17 remain pending, with claims 1 and 17 being amended. No new claims are added by this Reissue application, as compared with the claims of the patent.

It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are supported, for example, by Figs. 1 and 2, particularly together with the corresponding description in columns 3-5, of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,588.


To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No.

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